

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3019 - HB 3453

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows payments from the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund to certain family members of victims for unreimbursed or unreimbursable mental health counseling or treatment up to \$3,500.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$65,606/Criminal Injuries Fund

Estimate assumes:

Cost of mental health counseling for relatives of homicide victims:

235 claims/year would be eligible (average number of death claims per year which did not reach the \$30,000 maximum award).

Payment of \$816 per claim (average paid per claim regardless of type of claimant crime). Ten percent of eligible claimants would file a claim. For FY 2001-2003, an average of 3.3% of approved claims involved a payment for mental health, estimated 10% increase = \$19,176

Cost of mental health counseling to siblings and non-custodial parent of child sexual assault victims:

385 claims/year would be eligible (average number of child sexual assault claims that did not reach \$30,000 maximum award).

Payment of \$816 per claim, estimated 10% increase = \$31,416.

Estimated cost of mental health counseling for child witness to domestic violence:

184 claims/year (average number of domestic violence claims which did not reach the maximum award). Payment of \$816 per claim, estimated 10% increase = \$15,014.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

